Committee to present their suggestions/ view points before the Committee on the 14th December, 1987 and 15th December, 1987.

(c) The Committee has been set up to look into the career prospects of the Central Health Service, Railway Medical Service and Medical Officers under Central Police Organisations and make suitable recommendations in regard to bettering their career prospects.

Implementation of package of benefits to the Doctors

3469. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had approved a package of benefits for the Central Government Doctors on 30th July, 1987 for immediate implementation;

(b) if so, whether it has been implemented in full;

(c) if not, what are the reasons for the delay.

(d) what further time Government would need to fully implement these benefits; and

(e) whether Government propose to give retrospective effect, specially in cases of promotions which have been delayed due to no fault of the service doctors and many doctors have retired without getting these committed benefits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) It is difficult to indicate the time limit for fully implementing the package benefits. The action taken to implement the provisions of package offered to the striking doctors is indicated below:—

(i) Orders relating to Non-Practising Allowance and Conveyance Allowance have been issued.

(ii) Action to issue orders relating to Annual Allowance is being pursued and orders are expected to be issued soon.

(iii) Promotion orders of Medical Officers who have completed 5 years of service have already been issued

(iv) Inter-departmental Committee has been set up to look into the cadre structure of Central Health Service, Railway Medical Service and medical posts under Central Police Organisations. The Committee has already commenced its work.

(v) Posts of Senior Medical Officers to be upgraded as Chief Medical Officers have been identified. Action to seek relaxation of the existing provisions of Central Health Service Rules, 1982, in order to promote Senior Medical Officers to the grade of Chief Medical Officer is already at advanced stage.

(vi) 16 Assistant Professors with 3 years of service as Assistant Professor have already been promoted as Associate Professors Remaining Assistant Professors who have completed 3 years' of service will be promoted after the existing provision of the ratio of 1:1 between Assistant Professors and Associate Professors is relaxed. Action in this direction is already at advance stage.

(vii) 35 posts in Superiime Grade have been created (25 as a result of package benefits and 10 as a result of recommendations of the Fourth Central Pay Commission).

(viii) Action has already been initiated for placement of specialists (Rs. 3000-5000) in the newly introduced scale of Rs. 3700-5000 after 5 years of service and in the scale of Rs 4500-5700 after 9 years of service in Specialist Grade-II. This involves amendment of the existing provisions of Central Health Services Rules, 1982 Action in this regard is already at the advance stage.

(ix) Action has also been initiated for placement of Associate Professors to the scale of Rs 4500-5700 on the basis of seniority-cum-fitness. Action is being pursued to amend the existing provisions of CHS Rules, 1982

(x) Demands for higher start and three time-bound promotions have been referred for consideration of Group of Ministers.

(e) The benefits of N.P.A. are effective from 1.1.1986 Conveyance allowance to staff who are already eligible is from 1 10 1986 and for new categories of staff, from 1.7.1987. The benefits of Annual Allowance is to take effect from 1 7 1987. It was made clear in the package offered that all the promotions will be with prospective effect.

Vayudoot service between Nagarjuna Sagar and Hyderabad

3470 SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state·

(a) whether it is a fact that there was a proposal to introduce Vayudoot service between Nagarjuna Sagar and Hyderabad sometime back; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINSTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) While requests for operating a Vayudoot service between Hyderabad and Nagarjuna Sagar have been received, in view of the paucity of aircraft capacity with Vayudoot, the poor condition of the existing airstrip and the absence of other infrastructure at Nagarjuna Sagar, there is no proposal to introduce this service at this stage.

Introduction of package tour to Japan and East Germany from Hyderabad

3471 SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Andhra Pradesh Government submitted a proposal to introduce package tours to Japan and East Germany from Hyderabad,

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the proposal was approved by the Central Government and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No. Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Constitution of State Transport Appellate Tribunal by Andhra Pradesh

3472 SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh Government proposed to reconstitute the State Transport Appellate Tribunal with three members to safeguard the interest of the State through Departmental members,

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal;

(c) whether the Central Government accepted that proposal; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Section 64(2) of the M V Act, 1939 empowers the State Government to constitute State Transport Appellate Tribunal, consisting of a Judicial Officer not below the rank of a District Judge to hear appeal filed against decision of the State Transport Authority and Regional Transport Authority

The State Government of A P in 1981-82 had proposed amendment to section 64(2) suggesting additional inclusion of a Officer of the Transport Department